

## Press Release

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On Friday, January 3, 2014 at 0321 Hrs., the Lake County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the area of Norway Drive near Laburnum Drive in Perry Township in reference to vehicle's being entered and items stolen. A nearby resident stated his unlocked vehicle had been rummaged through.

Sgt. Larry Harpster and Deputy Jeff Dybzinski arrived in the area and immediately observed footprints in the fresh fallen snow. The footprints went up to numerous vehicle's in the areas of Norway Drive, Laburnum Drive, Larchview Drive, and Redwood Drive, all in Perry Township. Deputies were able to track the prints to a residence where they stopped beneath a window. It was believed the suspects exited the residence through the window and entered back through the same window.

Deputies made contact with the resident, who stated their 15 year old son and his cousin were in their back bedroom, the room which the prints led to the window. Deputies interviewed both juveniles and they admitted to entering between 10-20 vehicles this date, and stolen numerous items. The stolen property was recovered. The juveniles also admitted to entering vehicles the preceding night in the area of Crestwood Drive in Painesville Township. The juvenile's names are not being released at this time, however one is a Perry Township resident and one is a West Farmington resident. The case is still under investigation, but will be forwarded for criminal charges against both juveniles.

Note: The juveniles only entered vehicle's which were left unlocked. No forced entry was made. The Lake County Sheriff's Office reminds resident's to keep their property locked and secured.

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